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Mr. Chris Hansen, Environmental Coordinator
Mountain Coal Company
c/o Canyon Fuel Co.-Skyline Mines
HC 35 Box 380
Helper, Utah 84526

Incoming
4/007/00/6

Subject: Reconnaissance Inspection – Gordon Creek Mine

Dear Mr. Hansen:

On October 19, 2006 I conducted a reconnaissance inspection, while already in the area, in regards to the Gordon Creek Mine and UPDES Permit No. UTG040004. Specifically I observed the reclaimed areas, sediment ponds and outfall locations.

Enclosed is a copy of the inspection report for your records. If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 538-6779 or by e-mail at jstudenka@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeff Studenka

Jeff Studenka, Environmental Scientist
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Enclosures

cc (w/encl): Darcy O'Connor, EPA Region VIII
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Washington, D.C. 20460

Water Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding (i.e., ICIS)

Transaction Code N	NPDES U T G 0 4 0 0 0 4	yr/mo/day 0 6 1 0 1 9	Inspection Type R	Inspector S	Fac. Type 2
1	2	3	11	12	17
Remarks					
21					
Inspection Work Days 1	Facility Self-Monitoring Evaluation Rating 5	BI N	QA N	Reserved	
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Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number) Mountain Coal Company - Gordon Creek Mine Site County Road 290 (Consumers Road), near Helper, Utah ~20 miles West of US 6	Entry Time/ Date 11:45 / 10-19-06	Permit Effective Date 5-1-2003
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) No one on site, reclaimed mine site with single outfall from sedimentation pond remaining.	Exit Time/ Date 12:00 / 10-19-06	Permit Expiration Date 4-30-2008
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number Chris Hansen, Environmental Coordinator Mountain Coal Company C/O CANYON FUEL CO. SKYLINE MINES HC 35 BOX 380 HELPER, UT 84526	Other Facility Data (e.g., SIC NAICS, and other descriptive information) formerly 1222 SIC code	
Contacted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection (Check only those areas evaluated)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Monitoring Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretreatment	<input type="checkbox"/> MS4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Records/Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Pollution Prevention	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility Site Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effluent/Receiving Waters	<input type="checkbox"/> Operations & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Sewer Overflow	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement	<input type="checkbox"/> Sludge Handling/Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewer Overflow	

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments

(Attach additional sheets of narrative and checklists, including Single Event Violation codes, as necessary)

SEV Codes	SEV Description
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Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) JEFF STUDENKA, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST <i>Jeff Studenka</i>	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Number(s) DWQ (801) 538-6779	Date: 11-1-06
Name and Signature of Management Q A Reviewer MIKE HERKIMER, MANAGER UPDES PERMITS SECTION <i>Mike Herkimer</i>	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Number(s) DWQ (801) 538-6058	Date: 11/2/06

INSPECTION PROTOCOL

UPDES Permit #: UTG040004
Inspection Type: Reconnaissance Inspection
Inspection Date: October 19, 2006

Jeff Studenka of the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) visited the reclaimed Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine site, while already in the area. No one else was on site.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Location: ~20 miles West of US 6 on County Road 290 (Consumers Road),
Near Helper in Carbon County, UT 84526

Coordinates: Outfall 001 latitude 39° 41' 31", longitude 111° 03' 43"

Average Flow: None to date and none expected.

Receiving water: Bryner Canyon ephemeral drainage

Process: Former underground coal mining operation facility. The mining operations are no longer present and reclamation activities were completed several years ago. Outfall 001 remains on site as a series of three sedimentation ponds utilized to collect surface water runoff.

INSPECTION SUMMARY

There were no deficiencies noted during the previous inspection for follow up. A tour of the facility included observing the reclaimed areas and the sedimentation ponds followed by the receiving streambed of Bryner Canyon, all of which was under light snow. There were no deficiencies observed during the inspection.

DEFICIENCIES

No deficiencies with respect to the UPDES permit were noted during the inspection.

REQUIREMENTS

None